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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 5, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month set to expire on March 5, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0003.Y1/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.